Implementation of judgements for welfare of SCs/STs

†2756. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has delivered Judgement in favour of and against the employees of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not implementing those decisions on time which were in favour of employees of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(d) the reasons for the early implementation of those decisions by Government which were against the employees of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes; and

(e) by when Government propose to make an amendment in the Constitution for taking back such decisions which are against the employees of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) A number of judgements have been delivered by the Supreme Court from time to time in interpretation of the Constitutional provisions which had a bearing on policy of reservation for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. In the absence of any specific citation, it is not possible to indicate details.

(e) Consequent to incorporation of Article 16(4B) in the Constitution *vide* "The Constitution (Eighty-First Amendment) Act, 2000", instructions have been issued on 20.7.2000 for exclusion of backlog vacancies in respect of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

from the ceiling of 50%. Another Bill for amendment of the Constitution, i.e. "The Constitutional (Eighty-Eighth Amendment) Bill, 1999" to restore relaxations in qualifying marks and standards of evaluation in the matters of promotions of employees of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 23.12.1999.

States facing financial crunch

2757. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) name of the States/Union Territories facing financial crunch and unable to repay Central loans or sharing the matching grant Centrally-sponsored scheme; and

(b) the details of the action taken to improve the internal resources of the States/Union Territories by providing higher allocation from the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Some States, which are unable to match the receipts and expenditure in their budget, experience periodic Ways & Means related financial problems. To enable such States to deal with the situation there is an agreement between the States and RBI to provide Ways & Means support.

For providing Plan assistance to States, budgetary support from the Central Government is given as per the advice of the Planning Commission. The pattern and quantum of the revenue grants to the States are determined on the basis of the recommendations of the Finance Commission.

The issue of financial problems being faced by the States was addressed in the 48th meeting of the National Development Council (NDC). The need for initiating fiscal reforms by the States was recognized in this meeting. As a follow-up of the NDC decision some State Governments have evolved and undertaken their own medium-